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Chief of Station, [REDACTED]
Attention: Legal Advisor
Office of the General Counsel

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Transmittal of Public Laws

1. We felt the attached copies of bills enacted last year might be useful to you and that at least you would find some interest in looking them over. We may come across others of similar nature, and if so will send them along. You probably know that we have been able to adopt the educational allowances provided for in the Foreign Service Act Amendments of 1955, although there was one nice little technical question - whether the inclusion in P. L. 110 of the authority to grant allowances in accordance with 901 of the 1946 Act would authorize us to grant those included in section 901 of the 1955 amendments. However, the Comptroller General's Office took a very reasonable attitude insofar as we are concerned, and the point is settled for now.

2. We have been doing a great deal of work on the proposals for legislation which we believe is necessary, particularly for certain other benefits. These have to do with accrual of home leave similar to that in the Foreign Service, accelerated retirement for overseas service, medical benefits for dependents, including travel expenses of dependents to a suitable place for treatment and cost of treatment where the illness or injury might relate to the duty station or the duties of the employee. I believe it would be premature to send you drafts as we have not even gone to the Bureau of the Budget yet, and the final proposals and the chance of obtaining the legislation are a completely unknown quantity. I feel, however, it might be of general interest to have people know that we are working on this and by us I mean not only this office but all the offices involved. We will try to keep you posted on any real progress.

3. We have had some indication of your activities from various communications, although there must be many items to keep you busy of which we are unaware. We are always keenly

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interested in any reports of problems you work on and any suggestions you can make as to how we can be of assistance. There has been a good deal of travel by the office lately but all in the opposite direction, and we have no present indication that the office will have a representative in your area any time soon. However, [REDACTED] is starting out to go through you area shortly and I have asked him to be in touch with you. As we work very closely with him he can bring you pretty well up to date. Feel free to give him any comments or suggestions on our problems that you think would be helpful.

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4. You probably know by this time that your application for a 14-month extension has been approved. It might be of interest for those who have heard about the career service organization that such an extension request comes up before the Career Service Board concerned to make sure that any such action is in the best interest of KUMARK, the individual and planning for his career. I explained the background of your application and it was approved as a highly desirable move.

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Attachments

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